

**REMARKS**

This preliminary amendment is presented to place the application in proper form for examination and to include the claim for priority. No new matter has been added. Early examination and favorable consideration of the above-identified application is earnestly solicited.

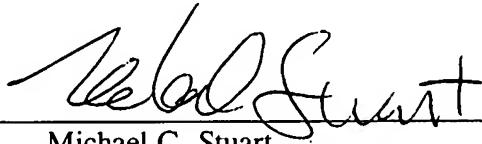
Attached hereto is a mark-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application; however, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS SHOWING CHANGES

### In the Claims:

5. The method according to claim 3, wherein for each adjacent sector (CS1 to CS8) a plurality of start propagation values (SPV1\_1 to SPV1\_5) are used and an [the] average [and distribution] of said plurality of start propagation values (SPV1\_1 to SPV1\_5) is [are] used as the basis for said search strategy.
6. The method according to claim 5, wherein a [also the] distribution of said plurality of start propagation values (SPV1\_1 to SPV1\_5) is also [are] used as the basis for said search strategy.
13. The device according to claim 11, wherein for each adjacent sector (CS1 to CS8) a plurality of start propagation values (SPV1\_1 to SPV1\_5) are stored in said database (14') and said updating means (17) is adapted to use an [the] average of said plurality of start propagation values (SPV1\_1 to SPV1\_5) [are used] as the basis for said search strategy.
14. The device according to claim 13 [5], wherein a [also the] distribution of said plurality of start propagation values (SPV1\_1 to SPV1\_5) is also [are] used as the basis for said search strategy.
15. The device according to claim 9 [1], wherein said search strategy is expanding window.

16. The device according to claim 9 [1], wherein said search strategy is z-search.